

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar



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RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

August 3rd, 2026

Dear Sir Knights,

Enclosed please find the information for the Southwest Department Conference of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. The Conference will be held on Friday, October 30th, 2026 at The Silver Legacy Hotel and Casino, Located at 407 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV, 89501. Hotel reservation details, along with the registration forms are enclosed. Please note the different hotel and conference registration deadlines.

Reno Nevada is a beautiful area and there are many activities and attractions to enjoy, including Carson City, Virginia City, Automotive and Rail Museums and Lake Tahoe. Come in a few days early and enjoy the Eastern Sierra's. We have secured favorable room rates prior to the conference.

Pursuant to Section 114(b) of the Constitution and Statutes of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, every Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General and Grand Recorder are required to attend the conference. All Grand Commanders in the Southwest Department are asked to assist in ensuring your officers are fully apprised of the conference details and the importance of their attendance. If any of the above officers are unable to attend the Southwest Department Conference, he must request approval to be excused directly from The Grand Master of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. This conference is open to all Sir Knights who desire to attend, so please advise your Sir Knights and extend to them the invitation to attend.

The Officers of The Grand Encampment spend considerable time and effort in preparing the conference program to assist your Grand Commandery and your efforts as a Grand Commandery Officer. I believe that you will find the conference to be beneficial as you prepare and execute your plans to promote and grow Templary during this Triennium within your respective jurisdictions.

Each Grand Commander will be called upon during the conference to give a brief account of the activities occurring and planned within your Grand Commandery. Please give some thought to your presentations as each of us can learn from one another.

Courteously,

Craig Flagtwet, KCT

Right Eminent Southwest Department Commander

We are excited to welcome you to the 2026 Southwest Regional/Department Conference, scheduled for Friday -Grand Encampment and Saturday- General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council, October 30th and 31st in Reno, Nevada.

The conference will take place at The Silver Legacy Resort Casino, 407 N Virginia St, Reno, NV 89501. We have secured a special group rate of \$59 for Wednesday and Thursday nights, \$99 for Friday and Saturday nights, plus taxes and fees. Please note that the booking deadline is **October 7th**, however, we recommend making your reservations as soon as possible, as the room block may sell out prior to this date. To reserve your accommodation, please call the hotel directly at (775) 329-4777 and reference group code: SRSDC6. Alternatively, you can book by Clicking <https://book.passkey.com/go/SRSDC6>

Parking is complimentary at the hotel, and a hospitality room will be available for your convenience and enjoyment. Please be advised that the hotel does offer a shuttle service from the airport. For those traveling by air from outside the region, The Reno-Tahoe international Airport is less then 5 miles from the Hotel.

General Grand Chapter has provided a website where you can find links for the Southwest Conference at www.ggcrami.org/regionalconferences to register and pay online. When available the official schedule will also be posted.

Dress code for the conference will be business casual with a collared shirt and slacks. Buffet lunches will be served on both days. The Banquet will be Friday Evening, with a social hour commencing at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 7:00PM. The dress code for the dinner is Business Casual. To secure your meal reservations, please complete either the attached form or the electronic form no later than **October 16th**. Additionally, a mandatory registration fee of \$50.00 is required from each Companion or Sir Knight attending the conference, with the entry deadline also set for October 16th.

Due to the rising costs of hotel meals, we have priced our meals to break even and have not increased prices to include complimentary meals. The reduced lodging rates and other hotel benefits are contingent upon meeting a food and beverage minimum, so we encourage your participation in the meals.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Craig Flagtwet at (909) 553-4397 or via email at CRAIGF@CATEMPLAR.COM

We appreciate your prompt attention to lodging and meal reservations, and we look forward to seeing you in Beautiful Reno, NV. Come up a Day or two Early and Enjoy all the area has to offer.

Fraternally and courteously

Jeff Hamilton
Jeff Hamilton
Deputy General HP

Craig Phillips
Craig Phillips
Deputy General GM

Craig L. Flagtwet
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Department Commander



SOUTHWEST DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

The Silvery Legacy Hotel and Casino , Reno , NV

October 30 – October 31st, 2026

Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____
(First - Middle Initial - Last Name)

LADY/GUEST: _____
(First - Middle Initial - Last Name)

ADDRESS: _____
(Street Address)

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () - _____ CELL PHONE: () - _____

EMAIL: _____

My Current Masonic Office:
Apply)

Chapter _____

Council _____

Commandery _____

I Will Be Attending (Check All That

Chapter Program ☐

Council Program ☐

Commandery Program ☐

Registration Fee Required for all Companions & Knights Attending: \$50.00 _____ \$ _____

Friday: Italian Lunch Buffet: \$60.00 _____ \$ _____

Classic Caesar Salad (v), Antipasto Pasta Salad, Fresh Sliced Seasonal Fruits and Berries (v) (vg) (gf), Classic Minestrone Soup (v), Lemon Chicken Scallopini, Housemade Meatball Pomodoro, White Fish Puttanesca (gf), Mushroom Ravioli with Porcini Cream Sauce, Cheese Tortellini Primavera with Pesto, Italian Green Beans with Stewed Tomatoes and Red Onion (v) (vg) (gf), Chef's Assortment of Focaccia (v), Vanilla Bean Panna Cotta with Fresh Berries (gf), Pistachio-Ricotta Cannoli, Frangelico Chocolate Torte, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Assorted Hot Teas and Iced Tea.

Friday: The Row Dinner Buffet (Social/Cash Bar – 6 pm, Dinner – 7 pm): \$95.00 _____ \$ _____

Classic Caesar Salad (v), Greek Pasta Salad (v), Quick Roasted Brussels Sprouts Salad (gf), Double Smoked Lardons and Dijonnaise, Antipasto Display (gf), Shrimp Cocktail (gf) Steak Diane Medallions (gf), Roasted Pork Involtni (gf) Coq Au Vin (gf) Seared Diver Scallops (gf) Tortellini Eldorado with Prosciutto and Peas, Parsnip and Yukon Gold Potato Puree (v) (gf), Pan Seared Asparagus, Assortment of Artisan Rolls with Creamy Butter, Key Lime Pie Domes, Chocolate Euphoria Cake (gf), New York Cheesecake with Fresh Berries, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Assorted Hot Teas.

Saturday: South of the Boarder Lunch Buffet

\$60.00 _____ \$ _____

Southwestern Chopped Salad (v) (gf), Sweet Corn Salad (v) (vg) (gf) Jicama and Fresh Orange Salad (v) (vg) (gf), Yucatán-Style Chicken (gf) Beef Birria Enchiladas (gf) Acapulco-Style White Fish (gf) Cilantro-Lime Rice (v) (vg) (gf) Ranchero Beans (gf) Roasted Zucchini, Onions and Bell Peppers (v) (vg) (gf), Warm Corn (gf) and Flour Tortillas, Green Chili Corn Muffins with Creamy Butter (v), Sopapillas with Honey, Chocolate-Cinnamon Mexican Tart, Tres Leches-Berry Parfait, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee,, Assorted Hot Teas and Iced Tea.

Grand Total:

\$ _____

MEAL RESERVATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 16, 2026

REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED

Completed forms may be mailed to Craig Flagtwet at the address shown below

Payment must accompany registration form

Make checks payable to: "LA Priory # 27"

Registration information including online registration is available at

www.ggcrami.org/regionalconferences

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Southwest York Rite Conference

Reno, Nevada

Agenda

Thursday, October 29, 2025

1:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration (Convention Foyer – 2 nd floor)
6:00 pm – 10:00PM	Hospitality Room

Friday, October 30, 2025

7:00 am – noon	Registration (Convention Foyer – 2 nd floor)
8:00 am – noon	Grand Encampment Prayer, Pledge, Introductions Grand Encampment Session Break Grand Encampment Session Continues
Noon – 1:00 pm	Italian Lunch Buffet
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Grand Encampment Grand Encampment Session Break Grand Encampment Session Continues
5:00 pm	Grand Encampment session Concludes
6:00PM to 7:00 PM	Banquet Social Hour (cash bar)
7:00 PM PM-8:15 PM	Banquet Dinner - The Row Dinner Buffet (Business Casual)
8:30 pm – 10:00PM	Hospitality Room

Saturday, October 31, 2025

7:00 am – noon Registration (Convention Foyer – 2nd floor)

8:00 am – noon **General Grand Chapter**
Welcome, Prayer, Pledge, Introductions
Grand Chapter Session
Break
Grand Chapter Session Continues

Noon – 1:00 pm Mexican Lunch Buffet

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Registration Continues

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm **General Grand Council**
Grand Council Session
Break
Grand Council Session Continues

8:30 pm – 11:00PM Hospitality Room